

PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET ADOPTION MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2025

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 5:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. Council members in attendance were President Kelli Harding (Kelli), David Etienne (DE), Stan Goffinet (SG), Gale Garner (GG), Cory Filley (CF), Brad Harth (BH), and Paul Brockman (PB). Auditor Kristinia Hammack was also present. There was no *Sheriff, Attorney or News Representative* present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kelli stated the purpose of the meeting was to adopt the 2026 Budget.

Auditor Hammack stated that after the Budget Workshop the day prior, the Auditor’s office worked through the entire budget. First Deputy Kelli Wilgus kept an Excel spreadsheet, which was downloaded from LOW, the County financial and budget software. This is where the information is retrieved as far as the past years of expenditures, how much was budgeted, how much was requested in 2026, and then the starting point. Throughout the entire budget workshops, Wilgus updated the starting point column per the changes the Council made. Hammack used Budget Projection in LOW as to have the information in the software, and then verified numbers with Wilgus. Auditor Deputy Leisa Ecker kept a hand-written budget. Verifications have been made and all numbers from each system match. The only thing that has been added is the Animal Shelter Restricted, which was provided prior to the Council.

Auditor Hammack also provided a copy of the Airport Budget. This needs to be approved. Hammack entered their Form B for them on this date, which is what the Council will sign. Also, the Council was provided the Perry Convention Bureau budget, and stated that they do not submit on DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance), however, per State Statute, the Council has to review their budget.

Hammack stated that after the adoption of the budget, she will submit this budget on Form B to Gateway.

The entire budget was read aloud.
SG made a motion to approve the 2026 Budget as read in the amount of \$13,663,054, seconded by DE. Motion carried 7-0. CF stated that the Salary Ordinance can be amended at any time, and hoped it can be looked at midway through the year. A special meeting will be held on October 15, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. to sign the Form 4.

Airport Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates

Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
2101	Airport Authority	56,850	\$45,159	0.0063
2190	Cumulative Airport Building	\$20,000	\$ 8,489	0.0010
		\$76,850	\$53,648	0.0073

DE made a motion to approve as read, seconded by GG. Motion carried 7-0.

Kelli read the 2026 CVB Commission Budget aloud (see attached) for the total of \$205,704..
PB made a motion to approve, seconded by DE. Motion carried 6-0-1 (SG abstained).

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. CST.
CF made a motion to adjourn, seconded by PB. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes approved this 23rd day of October, 2025.

President, Perry County Council

Minutes reviewed by:
Kristinia L. Hammack, Perry County Auditor
Minutes prepared by:
Leisa M. Ecker, Deputy Auditor